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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. **(Currently Amended)** A system for facilitating commercial food management, said system comprising:

means for recognizing an authorized user accessing the system remotely;

means for providing at least one suggested menu which meets predetermined nutritional criteria, wherein said one suggested menu is associated with at least one predetermined diet;

means for providing nutritional information relating to said at least one suggested menu.

2. **(Original)** The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one suggested menu is based upon the regional location of the authorized user.

3. **(Original)** The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one suggested menu is based upon a patient's preference.

4. **(Original)** The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one suggested menu is based upon food products the authorized user currently has in stock.

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5. **(Original)** The system of claim 1, wherein said means for providing nutritional information includes a plurality of databases, including a food item database, a recipe database, and a master diet type database.

6. **(Original)** The system of claim 1, additionally comprising means to manage food inventory at the location of the authorized user.

7. **(Original)** The system of claim 1, additionally comprising means for an authorized user to order food supplies from within the system.

8. **(Original)** The system of claim 1, additionally comprising means for a user granted access to the system to interact with a proprietor of the system.

9. **(Original)** The system of claim 1, additionally comprising means for a plurality of users granted access to the system to interact with one another.

10. **(Original)** The system of claim 1, additionally comprising means for searching information contained within the system, including said nutritional information.

11. **(Original)** The system of claim 1, wherein at least one authorized user is associated with a health care facility.

12. **(Currently Amended)** A system for facilitating commercial food management, said system comprising:

means for recognizing an authorized user associated with a health care facility accessing the system remotely;

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means for providing at least one suggested menu which meets predetermined nutritional criteria, wherein said one suggested menu is associated with at least one predetermined diet;

means for providing nutritional information relating to said at least one suggested menu.

**13. (Currently Amended)** A system for facilitating commercial food management, said system comprising:

a memory device for storing information relating to nutritional values associated with food;

a processor in communication with said memory device, said processor being adapted to:

create at least one suggested menu which meets predetermined nutritional criteria, wherein said one suggested menu is associated with at least one predetermined diet;

output said at least one suggested menu to at least one authorized user located remotely from said memory device; and

make available to the at least one authorized user the nutritional information associated with said at least one menu.

**14. (Original)** The system of claim 13, wherein the at least one suggested menu is based upon the regional location of the authorized user.

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15. **(Original)** The system of claim 13, wherein the at least one suggested menu is based upon a patient's preference.

16. **(Original)** The system of claim 13, wherein the at least one suggested menu is based upon food products the at least one authorized user currently has in stock.

17. **(Original)** The system of claim 13, wherein said memory device includes a plurality of databases, including a food item database, a recipe database, and a master diet type database.

18. **(Original)** The system of claim 13, wherein said processor is additionally adapted to manage food inventory at the location of the at least authorized user.

19. **(Original)** The system of claim 13, wherein said processor is additionally adapted to permit the at least one authorized user to order food supplies from within the system.

20. **(Original)** The system of claim 13, wherein said processor is additionally adapted to permit at least one user granted access to the system to interact with a proprietor of the system.

21. **(Original)** The system of claim 13, wherein said processor is additionally adapted to permit a plurality of users granted access to the system to interact with one another.

22. **(Original)** The system of claim 13, wherein said processor is additionally adapted to permit searching the information stored within the memory device.

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23. **(Original)** The system of claim 13, wherein at least one authorized user is associated with a health care facility.

24. **(Currently Amended)** A system for facilitating commercial food management, said system comprising:

a memory device for storing information relating to nutritional values associated with food;

a processor in communication with said memory device, said processor being adapted to:

create at least one suggested menu which meets predetermined nutritional criteria, wherein said one suggested menu is associated with at least one predetermined diet;

output said at least one suggested menu to at least one authorized user associated with a health care facility located remotely from said memory device; and

make available to the at least one authorized user the nutritional information associated with said at least one menu.

25. **(Currently Amended)** A method for facilitating commercial food management, said method comprising the steps of:

authorizing at least one remote recipient to receive information;

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creating at least one suggested menu which meets predetermined nutritional criteria, wherein said one suggested menu is associated with at least one predetermined diet;

providing for computer-based viewing of the at least one suggested menu; and

making available to the at least one authorized recipient nutritional information associated with the at least one menu.

26. **(Original)** The method of claim 25, wherein the at least one suggested menu is based upon the regional location of the authorized user.

27. **(Original)** The method of claim 25, wherein the at least one suggested menu is based upon a patient's preference.

28. **(Original)** The method of claim 25, wherein the at least one suggested menu is based upon food products the authorized user currently has in stock.

29. **(Original)** The method of claim 25, wherein said nutritional information is maintained in a plurality of databases, including a food item database, a recipe database, and a master diet type database.

30. **(Original)** The method of claim 25, additionally comprising the step of managing food inventory at the location of the authorized user.

31. **(Original)** The method of claim 25, additionally comprising the step of an authorized user ordering food supplies from within the system.

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32. **(Original)** The method of claim 25, additionally comprising the step of granting a user access to the system to interact with a proprietor of the system.

33. **(Original)** The method of claim 25, additionally comprising the step of granting access to the system to a plurality of users such that they may interact with one another.

34. **(Original)** The method of claim 25, additionally comprising the step of searching for information contained within the system, including said nutritional information.

35. **(Original)** The method of claim 25, wherein the remote recipient is associated with a health care facility.

36. **(Currently Amended)** A method for facilitating commercial food management, said method comprising the steps of:

authorizing at least one remote recipient associated with a health care facility to receive information;

creating at least one suggested menu which meets predetermined nutritional criteria, wherein said one suggested menu is associated with at least one predetermined diet;

providing for computer-based viewing of the at least one suggested menu; and

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making available to the at least one authorized recipient nutritional information associated with the at least one menu.

37. (Currently Amended) A program storage device readable by machine for tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by said machine to perform a method of commercial food management, said method comprising the steps of:

authorizing at least one remote recipient to receive information;

creating at least one suggested menu which meets predetermined nutritional criteria, wherein said one suggested menu is associated with at least one predetermined diet;

providing for computer-based viewing of the at least one suggested menu; and

making available to the at least one authorized recipient nutritional information associated with the at least one menu.

38. (Currently Amended) A program storage device readable by machine for tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by said machine to perform a method of commercial food management, said method comprising the steps of:

authorizing at least one remote recipient associated with a health care facility to receive information;



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creating at least one suggested menu which meets predetermined nutritional criteria, wherein said one suggested menu is associated with at least one predetermined diet;

providing for computer-based viewing of the at least one suggested menu; and

making available to the at least one authorized recipient nutritional information associated with the at least one menu.